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Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Christie,

In light of the recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making to in effect change the Mode S requirements and make it applicable only to certain Part 121/135 operators, the Air Traffic Issues Group recommends the Mode S tasking assigned to it be withdrawn. To continue to study the benefits or lack there of with respect to the Mode S ground station/transponder and its safety and cost benefit in a mixed air carrier/general aviation environment does not make the best uses of the limited resources available to ARAC.

Sincerely,

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Chairman,

Air Traffic Issues Group